

Chief Judge Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 v.)
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 HENRY CARL ROSENAU,)
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 Defendant.)

NO. CR06-157MJP

EMERGENCY MOTION
TO CONTINUE TRIAL
PURSUANT TO CrR 12(c)(9)

**ORAL ARGUMENT
REQUESTED**

NOTED FOR WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

The United States of America, by and through Jenny A. Durkan, United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, and Susan M. Roe and Marc A. Perez, Assistant United States Attorneys for said District, files this Motion to Continue the Trial in the above-entitled matter. Trial is scheduled to begin on November 7, 2011.

INTRODUCTION

Within the past two weeks, based on acts of the defendant and solely designed to obstruct his prosecution, several of the government's necessary witnesses have become unavailable and unable to attend the November trial. Their unavailability may be cured through use of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT). The government moves for a continuance of sufficient length to obtain evidence held in Canada and, possibly, to depose

1 Canadian witnesses pursuant to an MLAT. A necessary witness, Kip Whelpley, is legally
2 prohibited from coming into the United States at this time, and the government, by separate
3 motion, renews its Motion for Deposition which the Court previously denied. Additionally,
4 legal counsel for the RCMP advises that its members may neither give testimony nor
5 turnover evidence it holds absent the formal MLAT process.

6 Until October 25, 2011, the RCMP did not require the formal MLAT request and, in
7 fact, had produced photographs and reports of the evidence, and had made its members
8 available for trial preparation meetings with the U.S. prosecutors. RCMP members had made
9 their travel arrangements to testify in the *Unites States v. Rosenau*.

10 ***OUTLINE OF CASE FACTS RELEVANT TO THE MOTION***

11 In 2004 and 2005, a group of helicopter pilots in Canada facilitated the cross-border
12 smuggle of thousands of pounds of marijuana into the United States. The pilots, hired by
13 larger organizations or marijuana brokers who owned or sold the marijuana, flew the
14 helicopters across the international border in a manner designed to hide their activities. The
15 pilots often flew at low altitudes, did not file flight plans, camouflaged the tail identification
16 markers of their aircraft, landed at make-shift and undesignated sites, and failed to report
17 their country entries or exits to the authorities. They did so because they were violating the
18 law by ferrying contraband, including marijuana, people, firearms and currency,
19 internationally. The conspirators' main goal was to smuggle marijuana for distribution in the
20 United States; people, firearms and currency were moved as needed to facilitate the
21 marijuana smuggling activities. The defendant, Henry Rosenau, was one of the pilots.

22 In the summer of 2004, Rosenau personally delivered loads of marijuana to Canadian
23 witness Kip Whelpley. Rosenau also visited the U.S. with Whelpley to scout and identify
24 landing zones, held Whelpley's earnings (in cash) during the 2004 summer, and smuggled
25 another Canadian helicopter pilot into the U.S. to facilitate ongoing helicopter smuggling.
26 Winter weather soon ended that year's helicopter smuggling but Rosenau, Whelpley and
27 others resumed the scheme in 2005.
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1 **June 9, 2005 Load.** Mr. Whelpley worked a second summer with Rosenau, off-
2 loading marijuana shipments in the U.S. until he was stopped by surveilling ICE agents on
3 June 9, 2005. His load of 485 pounds of marijuana was seized. ICE did not reveal the
4 ongoing investigation but rather released Whelpley who returned to Canada. He continued to
5 participate in the smuggling from the Canadian side of the border.

6 In mid-July 2005, agents installed motion-activated cameras at an off-loading site in
7 Washington State. On two occasions between July 21 and July 28, helicopters, which appear
8 to be one of Rosenau's based on later investigation, are shown delivering hockey bags of
9 marijuana. Off-loaders and their vehicles are also on the videotape and the men have been
10 identified as David Mendoza and Jonathan Senecal.

11 **August 4, 2005 Load.** On August 4, 2005, both Whelpley and defendant Rosenau
12 were involved in smuggling 500 pounds of marijuana into the United States. Whelpley
13 worked loading the helicopter on the Canadian side of the border and Rosenau flew it into
14 the Methow Valley area. The three men receiving the load, David Mendoza, Dan Zylstra and
15 Jonathan Senecal, had a bit of back luck that morning, having driven a truck into a ravine
16 when attempted to meet the helicopter. Once they received the load, the men hid the nine
17 hockey bags of marijuana in the woods and went to Winthrop to hire a tow truck. Surveilling
18 ICE agents located the hidden load and seized it with no notice to the smugglers. Canadian
19 Jonathan Senecal had worked with Whelpley on the June 9th load and both Senecal and
20 Whelpley's involvement in the conspiracy ended involuntarily after this second seizure.
21 Senecal is in Canada; Zylstra is a fugitive; and Mendoza who does not wish to cooperate is
22 serving a 14 year prison term.

23 **August 12, 2005 Load.** On August 12, 2005, another marijuana load was flown
24 across the border by helicopter, tail identifier C-FNMM. A young Canadian, Alexander
25 Swanson, met the load and was surveilled as he drove towards Seattle. As was typical, a
26 second vehicle was seen parked nearby the off-load site, but down the mountain near the
27 closest intersecting road. The second vehicle is often referred to as the "blocker car"
28 because its driver could block citizens or law enforcement from approaching the landing site.

1 From their air and ground surveillance that summer, law enforcement saw that blocker cars
 2 and off-loader cars usually drove in tandem through the Methow Valley, onto the freeways,
 3 and into Western Washington. On August 12th, the blocker car was a red Toyota Tundra with
 4 a Colorado license plate. Swanson, who had the marijuana, was stopped and 500 pounds of
 5 marijuana was seized. The driver of the blocker car was not arrested. Swanson was
 6 prosecuted in this District, served his prison term and is back in Canada.

7 **September 21, 2005 Load.** On September 21, 2005, Rosenau flew a 1,100 pound
 8 load of marijuana into the U.S. This load, received by Zachary and Braydon Miraback, was
 9 intercepted and seized after they arrived at a Puyallup residence. The off-load vehicle held
 10 the marijuana; the blocker car was the same red Toyota Tundra, Colorado license plate, seen
 11 during the August 12th load. The Miraback brothers were arrested, prosecuted, have served
 12 their prison terms and are back in Canada. They are no longer cooperative.

13 RCMP surveilled Rosenau and his helicopters - identified via tail designations, brand
 14 and color - during this time period. On September 21st, RMCP members met Rosenau
 15 immediately after he completed the smuggle and landed helicopter C-FRKM in Canada.
 16 Rosenau identified himself, acknowledged a loaded handgun in the helicopter, denied flying
 17 across the border and said he had been flying nearby. RCMP seized several items from the
 18 helicopter including a GPS device which had the coordinates of the U.S. off-load sites.
 19 RCMP also saw that the helicopter had a taped variation to tail identifier to disguise the
 20 letters. Helicopter C-FRKM had tape applied in such a manner that the R appeared to be a B,
 21 that is, C-FBKM. RCMP photographed this.

22 On the property where the defendant landed, inside a workshop, RCMP found a
 23 second helicopter, a trailer with fuel containers, a large cache of aviation fuel, and Rosenau's
 24 car. The helicopter in the shed, a red and white Bell Jet Ranger, tail identifier C-FA_Q, was
 25 seen and photographed by the RCMP. The aircraft matched a red and white Bell Jet Ranger
 26 helicopter, tail identifier C-FALQ, previously seen and videotaped flying marijuana loads.
 27 The land and shop are on land owned by Canadian Glen Stewart.
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1 In September, including on September 21, RCMP surveilled Rosenau at his home.
 2 They saw and photographed helicopters parked at his home, including those with tail
 3 identifiers C-FRKM (Sept 21st load) and C-FNMM (August 12th load).

4 The government intends to call Mr. Whelpley as a witness at trial and he is a
 5 significant witness. The government intended to call Mr. Stewart and the several RCMP
 6 members who surveilled the defendant in August and September 2005, those who surveilled,
 7 videotaped and photographed the helicopters, and those who contacted him as he was by the
 8 helicopter.

9 ***FACTS RELATING TO THE NEW UNAVAILABILITY OF THE WITNESSES***

10 ***(1) Substance of Necessary RCMP Witnesses and their Evidence***

11 Several RCMP members are necessary witnesses to the government's prosecution.
 12 The evidence they seized on September 21, 2005, from Rosenau is both highly probative and
 13 necessary for this prosecution. It is through their testimony that Rosenau is seen in or with
 14 three helicopters used in smuggling in 2004 and 2005. It is through RCMP testimony that
 15 Rosenau is identified as the pilot of the helicopter at the end of the September 21st marijuana
 16 smuggling trip. RCMP members are the necessary witnesses who can testify about their
 17 surveillance of Rosenau and his home. They can introduce and explain the photographs they
 18 took in Canada of his helicopters loaded with hockey bags, as well as those of the helicopters
 19 at Rosenau's residence. RCMP members are the only witnesses who saw and photographed
 20 the disguised tail identifiers on Rosenau's helicopters and they are the only witnesses who
 21 talked to Rosenau on September 21st. They are also the necessary witnesses to offer
 22 evidence found in the helicopter on September 21. The evidence includes his GPS device,
 23 satellite phone, night vision goggles, loaded firearm and extra rounds. The GPS device held
 24 his nicknames and coordinates for the U.S. sites where the marijuana off-loading occurred
 25 and corresponds with the GPS coordinates found in notes and GPS devices of the off-loaders.
 26 No one in the U.S. can testify the foundational requirements for this evidence.

27 ***(2) Recent Activity Rendering RCMP Unavailable***
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1 Lat week, on October 25, 2011, a Notice of Application entitled *Henry Carl Rosenau*
 2 *v. Regina*, was filed in Vancouver, B.C. by Rosenau's Canadian attorney Gary Botting. *See*
 3 *Exh 1, Notice of Application Rosenau v. Regina, No. 25902*. The two page Notice, filed six
 4 years after the event, states that Rosenau will apply for a return of the seized evidence, a
 5 prohibition on RCMP disclosing Rosenau's statements made to them, a prohibition on the
 6 RCMP members leaving Canada for the purposes of testifying in the United States, and a
 7 prohibition on sending the physical evidence out of Canada. The Notice says it will be
 8 supported by Affidavits although those have not been filed. This matter is noted for first
 9 presentation at 10:00 a.m. on November 2, 2011.

10 Les Rose, Legal Counsel for the RCMP, has been consulted regarding the effect of the
 11 Notice of Application on the anticipated use of the evidence and testimony of the witnesses.
 12 Without opining on the legal validity of the Notice of Application, Mr. Rose informed the
 13 government that he has advised the RCMP not to testify in the United States or to produce
 14 the evidence in the United States until the Application is resolved. He expects that it will not
 15 be resolved by the trial date of November 7, 2011, thus RCMP witnesses and evidence will
 16 not be available to the U.S. Court for the currently scheduled trial.

17 Moreover and more importantly, in light of the Notice of Application, Mr. Rose
 18 advises the United States must now use the formal legal process of an MLAT in order to
 19 obtain RCMP evidence and witnesses. A formal MLAT, if approved by the Canadian
 20 government, is the avenue which may allow RCMP testimony and production of evidence
 21 without regard to the pending Application or other legal maneuvers which may be filed.
 22 *See, Exh 2, Correspondence of Les Rose, Counsel, RCMP.*

23 ***(3) Substance of Necessary Fact Witness Kip Whelpley***

24 Many of the essential facts of Mr. Whelpley's testimony have been set out above. Of
 25 significance is that Mr. Whelpley is one of the few co-conspirators who has continued to
 26 honor his cooperation agreement with the U.S. government. He can testify as to a more
 27 accurate number of smuggling trips made by the conspirators in 2004 and 2005, the location
 28 of the on-load sites in Canada, the timing and methods used in Canada to prepare the

1 helicopters and their loads for smuggling trips, the financial arrangements per trip, the source
2 of cash and of false documents, the use of and nicknames use on the Blackberry devises
3 among the coconspirators, the relationship of the off-loaders and the coconspirators members
4 in Canada, and the events surrounding his exit from the conspiracy in June 2005.

5 Nearly all members of the off-loader crews were young Canadian men, lured by easy
6 money, who were sent to the U.S. to work the smuggles. Some are fugitives, such as Dan
7 Zylstra and Brian Fews (*Fews was referenced in Dkt #43, Notice of Intent to use 404(b)*
8 *Evidence*); Others, such as Alexander Swanson, Zachary and Braydon Miraback, were
9 arrested and prosecuted in the United States. The smuggling loads were never less than 400
10 hundred pounds of marijuana. In light of the off-loaders relative youth and role in the
11 conspiracy, they were given opportunities to cooperate and receive prison sentences less than
12 the minimum mandatory terms. Some of them worked with and identified pilot Rosenau,
13 calling him the “old man” of the group. The Mirabacks were expected to be government
14 witnesses in the case against Henry Rosenau, as set forth in the first Record of the Case for
15 Extradition. As is his legal right, Rosenau contested his extradition for several years.
16 During that time, cooperating witnesses served their prison terms and returned to Canada.
17 They are no longer cooperating, with the exception of Kip Whelpley. He is the only
18 coconspirator who continues to honor his plea agreement and he and his attorney, Bruce
19 Erickson, continues to express his readiness to testify.

20 ***(4) Recently Discovered Activity Rendering Whelpley Unavailable***

21 Unknown to Bruce Erickson or to U.S. authorities, beginning last January 17, 2011,
22 the defendant through his “agent” Paddy Roberts filed what appears to be a vexatious civil
23 claim, *Rosenau v. Whelpley*, in Quesnal, B.C., Canada. Gary Botting, a Canadian attorney
24 who handled Rosenau’s unsuccessful appeal to the Canadian Supreme Court of the
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1 Extradition Order, testified at the October 28th revocation hearing that Roberts works as a
2 “paralegal” for him. Roberts is a pilot previously indicted for drug trafficking.¹

3 As Rosenau’s agent, Roberts, using the Gaelic version of his name Pardriag Mac
4 Roibeaird, first emailed Whelpley, asking for an address in order to serve civil papers. He
5 quickly introduced a threat into the correspondence , “ ...as far as I can tell, no one intends to
6 do you any harm and that is more so now that I have let it be known that you have said you
7 do not intend to return to the US. I stress the words ‘as far as I can tell..’[.]” On February
8 7, 2011, Whelpley received a lengthy email in which Paddy Roberts acknowledged that he
9 was assisting Rosenau in the civil claim and that he had drafted the Notice of Civil Claim.
10 Roberts explained that people use agents to avoid the extraordinary expense of lawyers and
11 he offered to hear, “without prejudice,” Whelpley’s facts regarding the marijuana loads he
12 received from Rosenau flying helicopter C-FRKM. Roberts asked Whelpley if the U.S.
13 authorities had coerced and threatened him to make up such stories. Paddy Roberts
14 concluded with an allusion to an Irish Republican Army saying about cooperators. *See Exh 3,*
15 *Email Exchange between Roberts and Whelpley.*

16 Whelpley turned to legal counsel, Robert Moffat, who sent letters on his behalf.
17 Botting sent a wordy reply to Moffat and Roberts’s next email was menacing. *See Exh 4,*
18 *Letters of Moffat; Letter of Botting; Email of March 9.* Roberts said that Rosenau had
19 obtained a default Judgment against Whelpley, that Whelpley was prohibited from entering
20 the United States, that Mr. Rosenau could apply *ex parte* for monetary damages from
21 Whelpley, but that Mr. Rosenau and his attorney would delay that application until “Mr
22 Rosenau and his counsel are satisfied that you [Whelpley] no longer will be part of the false
23 prosecution of Mr. Rosenau.” Not content with oppressing witness testimony, Roberts
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25 ¹ Paddy Roberts is well-known in Canada, both as an advocate for legalization of marijuana and as an
26 opponent of extradition. See, [http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2010/05/14/bc-marijuana-](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2010/05/14/bc-marijuana-extradition-marc-emery.html)
27 [http://www.hempology.ca/2006/06/19/roberts-case-denied-by-judge;](http://www.hempology.ca/2006/06/19/roberts-case-denied-by-judge)
28 <http://www.cannabisculture.com/v2/search/node/paddy+roberts;>
<http://www.cannabisculture.com/articles/2778.html>

1 continued, saying that he intended to obtain an Order compelling Whelpley to answer
 2 questions as to “the degree and method of coercion” used by the United States. Roberts
 3 reminded Whelpley that continuing to stand by his testimony could cause Whelpley
 4 “unfortunate financial hardship,” that Rosenau’s extradition was of great political
 5 importance, that Roberts viewed Whelpley’s use of legal counsel as a “demonstration of a
 6 lack of remorse,” and, closed with personal statements about Whelpley, Whelpley’s family
 7 and expressed a hope that the “terrible picture” [apparently referring to Whelpley’s
 8 willingness to testify] would soon be gone. Roberts attached a copy of the Order with the
 9 email. There apparently was no further communication after March 9, 2001, until Whelpley
 10 received an email on October 20, 2011.

11 ***(5) Recent Activity Designed to Render Whelpley Unavailable***

12 Recent pretrial activity evidently spurred new action by Rosenau and his agent. On
 13 October 12, 2011, Rosenau and his counsel met with the Assistant United States Attorneys
 14 assigned to the instant case. The purpose of the meeting was an informal “show and tell” of
 15 the Government’s case in an effort to resolve it short of trial; this occurred on the day of the
 16 scheduled settlement conference. During the meeting, the defense specifically inquired
 17 whether the Government anticipated Canadian civilian witnesses Whelpley and Glen Stewart
 18 would appear for trial. The Government responded in the affirmative.

19 On October 18, 2011, this Court issued pretrial rulings, denying several defense
 20 motions including the motion to suppress based on a claim of a “joint investigation.” This
 21 particular ruling may have triggered more contact with Whelpley and the Notice of
 22 Application in *Rosenau v. Regina*.²

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 25 ²If the Court had held that the U.S. and Canada conducted a “joint investigation,” Canada
 26 would either (1) comply with and be bound by U.S. laws regarding the investigation and
 27 discovery in this case, or (2) withdraw its testimony and evidence from use in the United States.
 28 It is highly unlikely any foreign country willingly would bind itself to U.S. laws and procedures
 as that implies a lack of sovereignty. The more likely outcome - if the court had held the
 investigation was “joint” - was that Canada would not allow crucial evidence and witnesses
 come to the United States for trial.

1 On October 20, 2011, Whelpley received a new email from Paddy Roberts asking
 2 Whelpley to confirm his home address “for service for documents in the civil matter between
 3 yourself and Mr. Henry Rosenau in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.” Roberts wrote
 4 that he had information “originating in the United States to that effect that you may be
 5 considering . . . travelling to the United States. . . ”and that he understood the information
 6 may have been “provided falsely and maliciously by the US government.” *[This may refer to*
 7 *the October 12 meeting with defendant, defense counsel and federal prosecutors]*. Roberts
 8 wrote that “I, as Mr. Rosenau’s agent in this matter” need to confirm receipt of the Order so
 9 that “Mr. Rosenau may have legal recourse in the event you violate the terms of the Order.”
 10 Roberts attached another copy of the Order and indicated that it would be personally served
 11 unless the email was acknowledged. *See Exh 5, Email of October 20, 2011.*

12 Although this default Order appears vexatious and to be against public policy, it
 13 apparently stands. In response to defense questioning at the October 28, 2011 revocation
 14 hearing, Canadian attorney Gary Botting testified that it was a valid and enforceable court
 15 order.

16 Neither can the U.S. government ask or encourage Mr. Whelpley to violate a court
 17 order nor can the U.S. government hold him harmless for any “damages” which may be
 18 assessed if he does so. Therefore, he is unavailable to testify at the Seattle trial on November
 19 7, 2011, however his testimony can be obtained through a Rule 15 Deposition taken in
 20 Canada.

21 ***(6) Witness Glen Stewart***

22 Mr. Stewart was the owner of the land where, on September 21, 2005, Rosenau landed
 23 his helicopter with a disguised tail identifier. RCMP Members approached Rosenau as he
 24 left the helicopter, blades still rotating. They talked to Rosenau as well as to Mr. Stewart
 25 who was present and identified himself as the property owner. Mr. Stewart gave RCMP
 26 permission to look in a shed/shop on the site. In the shop, RCMP found another of
 27 Rosenau’s helicopters, a trailer, aviation fuel and Mr. Rosenau’s car.
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Between Mr. Rosenau's initial appearance in this District and this week, law enforcement had been in contact with Mr. Stewart regarding testifying at trial. Just recently, he indicated his willingness to do so and to come to the United States. Accord, the government did not move to depose him. Through the RCMP, Mr. Stewart was scheduled to meet with the AUSAS on the morning of Wednesday, October 26th. Late Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Stewart called the RCMP, said he lawyer advised him not to, when pressed said he couldn't remember the name of his lawyer, and concluded with his statement that he wouldn't testify. A copy of the relevant email from the RCMP member who had been dealing with Mr. Stewart is attached. It appears that someone else's lawyer has advised Mr. Stewart not to testify. It may be that Mr. Stewart remains unavailable to testify, however it is in the interests of justice to allow the government to determine whether he is being coerced or intimidated. *See Exh 6, RCMP Summary.*

LAW RELEVANT TO THE MOTION

The Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, provides that a trial shall commence within seventy days from the filing date of an indictment or from the date the defendant has appeared before the Court, whichever date last occurs. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(c)(1). The Speedy Trial Act also provides that certain periods of delay are excludable time for purposes of the Speedy Trial Act. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h).

Section 3161(h) outlines periods of excludable time, including:

(3)(A) Any period of delay resulting from the absence of unavailability of The defendant or an essential witness.

(7)(A) Any period of delay resulting from a continuance granted by any judge on his own motion . . . or at the request of the attorney for the Government, if the judge granted such continuance on the basis of his findings that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. No such period of delay resulting from a continuance granted by the court in accordance with this paragraph shall be excludable under this subsection unless the court sets forth, in the record of the case, either orally or in writing, its reasons for finding that the ends of

1 justice served by the granting of such continuance outweigh the
2 best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

3 Subsection (7)(B), lists non-exclusive factors which the Court may consider when
4 determining whether the grant the continuance. Some of those non-exclusive factors are:

5 (i) Whether the failure to grant such a continuance in the
6 proceeding would be likely to make a continuation of such
7 proceeding impossible, or result in a miscarriage of justice.

8 (iv) Whether the failure to grant such a continuance in a
9 case which, taken as a whole, is not so unusual or so
10 complex as to fall within clause (ii), . . . would deny . . .
11 the attorney for the Government the reasonable time
12 necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the
13 exercise of due diligence.

14 Another period of time appropriately excluded is:

15 (8) Any period of delay, not to exceed one year, ordered by a
16 district court upon an application of a party and a finding by a
17 preponderance of the evidence that an official request, as defined
18 by section 3292 of this title, has been made for evidence of any
19 such offense and that it reasonably appears, or reasonably
20 appeared at the time the request was made, that such evidence is,
21 or was, in such foreign country.

22 See, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(9).

23 Section 3292 of Title 18 provides in pertinent part that an “‘official request’ means a
24 letter rogatory, a request under a treaty or convention, or any other request for evidence made
25 by a court of the United States or an authority of the United States having criminal law
26 enforcement responsibility, to a court or authority of a foreign country.” See 18 U.S.C. §
27 3292.

28 Until October 26, 2011, the United States government through (1) the Office of
International Affairs, Department of Justice (OIA); (2) the United States Attorneys Office,
Western District of Washington; (3) ICE Special Agents, Department of Homeland Security,
Bellingham, Washington; and (4) the Attache, Homeland Security Investigations, United
States Consulate, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, had requested and been granted
official visits, witness interviews, and evidence production and had served trial subpoenas by

1 working through (1) the Justice Ministry, Ottawa, Canada; (2) the Royal Canadian Mounted
 2 Police and Border Integrity Unit, British Columbia, and (3) Transport Canada, all Canadian
 3 governmental authorities. These semi-formal and official requests were undertaken in good
 4 faith and appeared to be sufficient until defendant Rosenau filed the Notice of Application
 5 civil matter in Vancouver, B.C. Court on October 25, 2011. With the legal filing and on
 6 advice of counsel, RCMP ceased its cooperation with the U.S. requests until and unless it
 7 receives the more formal application for assistance, pursuant to an MLAT.

8 The government had identified and located foreign evidence and witnesses ready to
 9 testify, however, it now appears that the necessary foreign witnesses and evidence will not
 10 be available for some months. The government is preparing a MLAT request simultaneously
 11 with the preparation of this Motion. However, all MLAT requests must be handled through
 12 the central governments in Washington, D.C. and Ottawa, Canada, and this office can not
 13 control the length of time it may take to process this MLAT. It does seem reasonable that the
 14 time necessary may be shorter than other MLATS since the witnesses are identified and
 15 prepared and the evidence is known.

16 As this Court knows, there is clear legal precedent for a trial continuance of up to one
 17 year when the prosecuting authority is obtaining foreign evidence. Courts grant requests to
 18 continue when the government has filed an MLAT request with a foreign country. See, e.g.,
 19 *United States v. Schlei*, 122 F.3d 944, 984-86 (11th Cir. 1997) (where government sought to
 20 depose witnesses in Japan, speedy trial clock was tolled pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(9));
 21 *United States v. Wardrick*, 141 F.3d 1161, 1998 WL 169223, at *7-8 (4th Cir. Apr. 13, 1998)
 22 (unpublished) (affirming five-month continuance of trial date pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
 23 § 3161(h)(9) where government had sought to obtain evidence from Pakistan); *United States*
 24 *v. Maksimenko*, No. Crim. 05-80187, 2005 WL 1038784, at *1 (E.D. Mich. April 26, 2005)
 25 (granting a five-month continuance of the trial date pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(9) due to
 26 government's MLAT request to the Ukraine); *United States v. Serna*, 630 F. Supp. 779, 783-
 27 84 (S.D.N.Y. 1986) (government was entitled to exclusion of time up to one year pursuant to
 28 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(9) to obtain wiretap evidence from Spain); cf. *United States v. Messner*,

1 197 F.3d 330 (9th Cir. 1999) (delay was unreasonable under the circumstances where trial
 2 was continued five times, resulting in a delay of 21 months, of which a year was due to a
 3 continuance granted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7); in ruling, Court focused on delay
 4 attributable to § 3161(h)(7) and did not consider other portion of delay attributable, in part,
 5 from a request made pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(9)).

CONCLUSION

7 Unusual and unforeseen events, all set in motion by the defendant, have taken place in
 8 Canada within the two past weeks. Solely as a result of the defendant's deliberate actions in
 9 Canada to thwart his prosecution, the government's case against the defendant cannot go
 10 forward at this time. The government, therefore, asks for a continuance of the trial so that
 11 the necessary witnesses and evidence may be secured for the trial and that the time between
 12 the current trial date and the new one be excludable.

13 This motion is brought both pursuant to 18 USC § 3292 and to 18 USC § 3161 but the
 14 government wishes to emphasize that at bedrock the basis for this motion is to serve the ends
 15 of justice, as approved in 18 USC § 3161. Denying the motion would allow defendant
 16 Rosenau to circumvent our criminal justice system by using abusive legal process, by
 17 bullying and intimidating witnesses, and by running a statutory time clock designed to be a
 18 protective shield, not a sword, for defendants. No justice would be served.

19 Based on the above, the government respectfully request that the Court find that the
 20 interests of the public and the ends of justice are served by continuing the trial date for up to
 21 one year to allow for the production of the foreign evidence and testimony. These strong and
 22 central interests of our justice system outweigh the interests of this defendants to a speedy
 23 trial. Therefore, the government further requests that the Court find, for the purpose of
 24 computing the time limitations imposed by law, that the period of delay until a new trial date
 25 is excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sections 3161(h)(3)A), (7)(A), (B)(i) and (B)(iv), (8)
 26 and 18 USC § 3292.

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1 The government does not yet have an estimate of when the foreign evidence will be
2 available. Perhaps the Court can set a status hearing out three months at which time a new
3 trial date can be assigned.

4 DATED this 31st day of October, 2011.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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